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Dear Bass Tourney Chairs:

Our 2011 Bass Tourney Drawing will be held at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2010** at the VA Center, Theatre Bldg 210, 1st floor. The VA Center is located on Route 17, Togus, Maine. (see enclosed map)

Enclosed please find a club information sheet. **Please review this sheet for accuracy, make any necessary changes and return to me no later than December 1st.** You may email to: sue-ann.brann@maine.gov, or fax to 207-287-6395 or mail to the address above).

Because of changes with state and national organizations, **all clubs will be required to complete the enclosed Affidavit form and submit at the drawing.** A Notary will not be available at the draw, so please have your forms notarized before the drawing. **All clubs registered for the draw must take a minimum of one tournament – NO EXCEPTIONS!** "Ghost Clubs" are illegal.

2011 applications are enclosed. You are no longer required to list your aquatic plant live well inspectors on the application form. Now as a condition to your permit, you must have at least two people available to conduct inspections and their names must be listed on your permit displayed at your weigh-in location site. Your 2011 Permits will have blank lines available for you to write in your weed inspectors names on the date of the tournament. Those who do not have the permit displayed with names of inspectors can be held in violation.

Permits drawn by your club will be nontransferable. However in order to alleviate some of the problems that occurred in prior years, we will permit a single round of deferrals.

Please remember that the 3rd Saturday in July (16th) is loon count and no tournaments will be allowed to start assembling before 9am.

At the drawing we will not issue any permits for Multi-Day or Youth tournaments. The following are already taken for the 2011 year under Multi-Day permits: Androscoggin Lake (6/25 & 6/26); China Lake (8/11 & 8/12); Cobbossee Lake (9/10 & 9/11) and Sebago Lake (9/14-9/16).

We do not allow any changes in water bodies after the draw. However, you may submit a "Date Change Request Form" (enclosed) until February 4th. This form must be signed by the individual who signed the original application. There are no refunds for tournaments that are not held. However, if you anticipate that your club is not going to conduct a scheduled tournament, we ask that you contact the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife at 287-3286 at least 5 days prior to your cancellation so we may notify the Regional Fishery Office and Warden Service.

Each club that selects tournaments should be prepared to pay for only the tournaments they have selected for their club. Please be prepared to pay by check made payable to "Treasurer, State of Maine".

Sincerely,

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